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SUBJECT: EC FINANCE COUNCIL, MARCH 14, 1977: DUISENBERG COMMENTS ON  
EC REPRESENTATION AT WESTERN SUMMIT

1. DURING THE EC FINANCE MINISTERS MARCH 14 LUNCHEON, PRIOR  
TO THEIR COUNCIL SESSION, DUTCH FINANCE MINISTER DUISENBERG  
RAISED THE ISSUE OF EC REPRESENTATION AT THE MAY 7-8 WESTERN  
SUMMIT. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A UK PERMDEL SOURCE (HOWARD)  
THAT DUISENBERG STRESSED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED  
IN BEING PROPERLY REPRESENTED AT ECONOMIC SUMMITS GENERALLY  
AND WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS AID TO  
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REPRESENTATION.  
HOWARD SADC THAT IT WAS CLEAR DUISENBERG WAS REFERRING  
TO LAST YEAR'S IMF LOAN TO BRITAIN AND THAT UK CHANCELLOR  
OF THE EXCHEQUER HEALEY HAD "TRIED TO TAKE THE STING" OUT  
OF DUISENBERG'S REMARKS BY POINTING OUT THAT THERE HAD  
BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF SUCH AID AT THE PUERTO RICO  
SUMMIT AND THAT NONE WAS SCHEDULED FOR LONDON.

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2. DUISENBERG LATER REPEATED HIS THREAT FOR DUTCH  
REPORTERS COVERING THE COUNCIL SESSION, POINTING OUT  
THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAD CONTRIBUTED \$105 MILLION OF  
THE \$3.9 BILLION LOANED TO THE UK, COMPARED TO \$50  
MILLION FROM FRANCE. AT HIS POST-COUNCIL PRESS  
CONFERENCE, HEALEY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON DUISENBERG'S  
REMARKS.

3. HOWARD SAID IT APPEARS THAT DUISENBURG WAS IMPLY  
KEEPING UP DUTCH PRSSURE ON THE ISSUE OF EC REPRE-  
SENTATION AT THE SUMMIT AND ADDED HIS VIEW THAT THERE  
WILL BE MANY MORE SUCH STATEMENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS.HINTON

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